GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Saadhanheen sarkari agencian taskron ko kaise pakren` appearing in the Dainik Jagran dated the April 21, 2002;

(b) : if so the facts reported in the newsitem;

(c) : whether the Narcotics Department has shortage of staff and infrastructure facilities to nab the smugglers of narcotics in Delhi; and

(d) : if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate staff and infrastructural facilities in the Narcotics Department of Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The news item speaks of emergence of new gangs in the local drug market of the capital due to affiliation of large number of Nigerian citizens in drug trade; the lack of firm will power in the local police and lack of resources in the Narcotics Department are the main reason behind the inability in nabbing the drug smugglers; that 100 gangs who are operating in the illegal drugs trade in the capital are innovating new ways of smuggling resulting in the inability of police to nab them; lack of manpower and resources with the Delhi Zonal Narcotics Department and Narcotics Branch of Delhi Police; lack of facilities for testing the purity of seized drugs in the capital adversely affecting cases in the Courts; no suitable rewards for informers and seizing team etc.

(c) : A large number of agencies such as the Narcotics Control Bureau ,Central Bureau of Narcotics , Directorate General of Revenue Intelligence, Delhi Police, Customs and Central Excise Commissionerates etc having their offices in Delhi, have been empowered to enforce the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. These organizations are effectively combating drug trafficking with the existing staff and resources.

(d) :The requirement of manpower and other resources of these organizations are continuously reviewed in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.